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SUBJECT: OAU SUMMIT: MEETING OF REGIONAL LEADERS ON

RWANDA

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- 2. THIS IS AN ACTION REQUEST FOR OAU SYG SALIM SALIM. SEE PARA 6.
- 3. WE UNDERSTAND THAT RWANDA WILL BE HIGH ON THE AGENDA AT THE UPCOMING OAU SUMMIT IN TUNIS. THE SUMMIT PRESENTS A UNIQUE OPPORTUNITY FOR US TO PUSH OUR PRINCIPAL GOALS IN RWANDA TO STOP THE KILLINGS, ACHIEVE A CEASE-FIRE, AND RETURN THE PARTIES TO THE NEGOTIATING TABLE WITHIN THE ARUSHA FRAMEWORK.
- 4. SO FAR, LEADERS FROM THE SUB-REGION HAVE BEEN UNABLE TO AGREE ON A SITE FOR A MEETING ON RWANDA. HOLDING SUCH A MEETING ON THE MARGINS OF THE TUNIS SUMMIT WOULD AVOID THE PROBLEM OF DECIDING WHICH REGIONAL LEADER SHOULD HOST -- AN ISSUE THAT LED TO THE CANCELLATION OF THE JUNE 6 NAIROBI SUMMIT AND PREVIOUS EFFORTS.
- 5. WHILE THERE IS SOME LIKELIHOOD THAT RWANDA'S NEIGHBORS WILL AGREE AMONG THEMSELVES TO MEET AND DISCUSS RWANDA ON CONFIDENTIAL

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THE MARGINS OF THE OAU SUMMIT, WE DO NOT WANT TO LEAVE
THIS TO CHANCE. WE WOULD LIKE SALIM SALIM TO CONVENE A
MEETING OF LEADERS FROM THE SUB-REGION AND WOULD HOPE TO
HAVE A/S MOOSE PARTICIPATE IN SOME CAPACITY. WE WOULD
WANT TO ACHIEVE THE FOLLOWING WITH SUCH A MEETING:

- -- REACH SOME REGIONAL CONSENSUS ON MEETING TO PRESS THE PARTIES TO AGREE TO A CEASE-FIRE.
- -- OUTLINE THE ACTIONS THAT THE U.S. HAS TAKEN TO RESOLVE THE CRISIS, POINTING OUT THAT WE HAVE BEEN IN THE LEAD IN TRYING TO EXPEDITE THE EXPANSION ON UNAMIR.
- -- OBTAIN THE AGREEMENT OF THE NEIGHBORS TO PROVIDE THEIR FULL SUPPORT TO THE UNAMIR EXPANSION, INCLUDING, IF NECESSARY, ALLOWING THEIR TERRITORIES TO BE USED AS A LOGISTICAL BASE.
- -- MAKE IT CLEAR THAT WE AND THE INTERNATIONAL COMMUNITY EXPECT ALL RWANDA'S NEIGHBORS TO RESPECT THE UN ARMS EMBARGO.
- -- OBTAIN AN AGREEMENT TO RESUME THE ARUSHA PROCESS, WITH TANZANIA IN ITS USUAL ROLE AS HOST AND FACILITATOR.

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POINTING OUT THAT WHATEVER THE MILITARY OUTCOME, SOME FORM OF POWER-SHARING IS INEVITABLE, GIVEN THE ETHNIC REALITIES.

6. POST SHOULD APPROACH SALIM SALIM TO REQUEST THAT HE CONVENE A MEETING ON RWANDA ON THE MARGINS OF THE OAU SUMMIT, TO BE ATTENDED BY LEADERS IN THE SUB-REGION AND, IF POSSIBLE, WITH THE PARTICIPATION OF A/S MOOSE. POST CONFIDENTIAL

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- -- REGIONAL LEADERS HAVE A SPECIAL ROLE TO PLAY IN RESOLVING THE RWANDA CONFLICT.
- -- ALTHOUGH REGIONAL LEADERS HAVE SHOWN STRONG INTEREST IN HELPING SOLVE THE CRISIS, THEY HAVE RECENTLY BEEN UNABLE TO AGREE AMONG THEMSELVES ON AN APPROPRIATE SITE FOR SUCH A MEETING.
- -- THE OAU SUMMIT OFFERS A UNIQUE OPPORTUNITY TO BRING REGIONAL LEADERS TOGETHER TO DISCUSS RWANDA.
- -- WE WOULD HOPE THAT THEY COULD DISCUSS WAYS TO BRING THE PARTIES TOGETHER TO PERSUADE THE TWO SIDES TO STOP THE

KILLINGS, AGREE TO A CEASE-FIRE, AND RESUME TALKS WITHIN THE ARUSHA FRAMEWORK.

- -- WE ASK THAT YOU RAISE THIS SUBJECT WITH REGIONAL LEADERS AND ENCOURAGE THEM TO HOLD SUCH A MEETING, OFFERING TO HOST UNDER OAU AUSPICES, AS NECESSARY OR APPROPRIATE.
- -- IF YOU AND THE PARTIES AGREE, ASSISTANT SECRETARY MOOSE WOULD LIKE TO PARTICIPATE IN THE MEETING IN SOME FASHION. YOU AND THE REGIONAL LEADERS MAY ALSO WISH TO INVITE OR CONSULT WITH REPRESENTATIVES FROM OTHER ARUSHA OBSERVER COUNTRIES.

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